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The thought that progress must necessarily be gradual lies also at the basis of Mrs. Helen Camp-bell's work. "Women Wage-Earners" (Roberts Brothers). The book is the expansion of a prize prize was awarded in 1891; but as the essay was restricted to a fixed number of words, the author was hampered, and the original monograph has now been nearly doubled in size. As now perof women workers in former times, and in England and America at the present day. Urgent reform-ers, as a rule, take gloomy views of the present, but Mrs. Campbell finds something to praise in the esent condition of women wage-earners; and she ints out with the experience of years where the s are, and what the remedies which can be ap-led in the future. Professor R. T. Ely, of the

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In addition, Mr. Connoly, in his affidavit, deposes that he believes it to be the intention of the sian-hattan Company to extend the third track north-

ninth-st., which, when continued, became a third track.

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In applying for the order to show cause the Corporation Coursel also asked for an injunction to restrain further operations on the part of the company until the order could be heard, but Judge Beach said that, owing to the short time which would intervene between the application and the hearing of the motion, such an injunction was not necessary for the protection of the rights of the city. The statement was also made on the company's part that the temporary injunction would be superfluous, because the work was already suspended for want of iron.

# DIRECTORS PLEAD NOT GUILTY.

A WEEK GIVEN TO THEM IN WHICH TO FILE DEMURRERS OR TO CHANGE THEIR PLEAS. who were indicted and have been arrested ap-peared in General Sessions yesterday and pleaded not guilty. Recorder Smyth granted to each a week in which to change his plea or to file a demurrer to the indictments. The directors are demurrer to the indictments. The directors are president Joseph F. Blaut, two indictments for perjury, eight for receiving deposits after insolvency, and one for fraudulent bankruptcy; Ronald T. McDonald, eight indictments for receiving deposits after insolvency and one for fraudulent bankruptcy; Andrew L. Soulard, eight indictments for receiving deposits after insolvency and one for fraudulent bankruptcy, and A. L. Kallscher, Simon Ottenberg, Charles E. Selover, F. A. Kursheedt and Emit Frankel, all indicted for fraudulent bankruptcy.

sheedt and Emi: Frankel, all indicted for fraudulent bankruptcy.

Mr. Selover did not come to court until 3 p. m.,
his lawyer, Franklin Pierce, being busy in another
court all the morning. The others appeared soon
after 11 o'clock. District-Attorney Nicoll said he
did not know when he would try the cases or in
what court. There would necessarily be delays,
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